African Union Summit

2258. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil has been discussed in the recently held African Union Summit; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Gas available in KG basin

2259. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrangements for exploitation of natural gas resources found in Krishna Godavari basin by Reliance Company have been finalized;

(b) whether this gas will be used for the industrial development of Visakhapatnam ad Hyderabad; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) Reliance Industries Limited, the Operator of Block KG-DWN-98 located in Krishna Godavari Basin, declared commerciality of the discovery Dhirubhai-I on 2nd April, 2003. Under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) for the block, the development plan with respect to any discovery has to be submitted within one year of declaration of commerciality. As per provisions of the Production Sharing Contract, the contractor is free to sell gas in the domestic market in India.